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25 July 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

Michael J. Malanick

Acting Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT:

Television Systems for Headquarters Building and

Auditorium

REFERENCE:

Memorandum for Acting DDA from Acting DDCI, dated

20 July 1977, re same subject

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In answer to your note about our CCTV proposal, I have met with Herb Hetu and others, and submit the following:

- a. The difference in price (i.e., \$15,000 versus \$45,000) is attributable to the fact that the system now proposed would have the capability for handling classified transmissions in the DCI/DDCI areas (not the cafeterias). If we forego this feature, then the system would cost \$30,000 less. Cabling for the classified system is much more complicated than is simple TV cable.
- b. The points raised by in paragraph 4 of his memo were considered by Commo. In the first place starts off on the wrong foot when he says, "CCTV as a reality in Head-quarters is only restricted by the amount of money available for the purchase of a system." It is not simply a matter of money, but security as well. As you know, Commo is doing an extensive study of the whole business as a result of the point that Les Dirks raised at one of the EAG meetings when he asked about equipping our outlying buildings in the Metropolitan Washington area. The proposal which is now under consideration is being made to take care of the Director's immediate request. It should be viewed as an independent system to take care of that immediate need.

c. The answer to the point raises is yes, Commo did look at the White House system; but, here again, I submit that the White House system is not equipped to handle classified material. Further, their monitors are less costly for the very

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mentions. One of the requirements imposed upon us was to have the capability to reproduce foreign videotaped recordings. If this were not a requirement, the monitors could be obtained for a total of about \$10,000 less.

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2. In sum, I am of the opinion all the issues that and raised were considered and now the decision is the Director's. He should be aware, of course, that we could save about \$40,000 if we reduce the requirements in the two areas mentioned above. Here again, however, it may cost us more than \$40,000 at some later date should we go ahead with the less costly system and later build the added features in.

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Michael J. Malanick

Attachment:

Memo for DCI, "Television Systems for Headquarters Building & Auditorium"

P.S.: Herb Hetu is willing to go either way -- with the classified system or the unclassified system.

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